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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Two.

Part B for July 1943.

SUBJECT

Training of Troops in Jungle warfare.

~~Military Training – forest areas –~~

~~Bangalore & Kolar districts~~

17/8/43.

To

The Revenue Commissioner
&
Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore

D. O. No. W. 106 dated 16th July 1943.

Grants permission to carry out Jungle warfa training in certain forest areas.

3597 Military Training - Forest areas.

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1(24) From [illegible] to The Rly C & C R [illegible]

D.O. No [illegible] dated 28th June 43

[illegible] permission to carry out military training in certain forest areas in Bangalore UK dist Obs.

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The Railway Administration has got no training in jungle warfare and in Bhongir and Kadur Obs. There has been no reference from the Railway on the present subject. Perhaps reference if any from the Railway may be awaited. The C. R. has to send a reply to the Head Qrs in the matter and to request orders after. Reply for orders as to the reply to be sent to the C. R. might be. Perhaps he may be informed that a reply may be sent to the Head Qrs by him

3) Yes areas cannot be made available for the purposes mentioned in the C.C.F's letter

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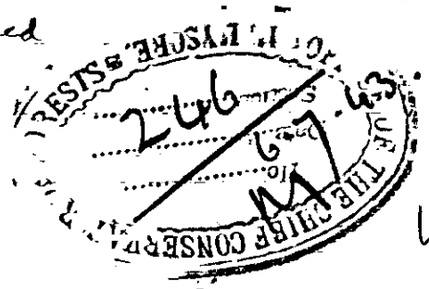
5) May be referred to the C.C.F. for remarks in which of the forests permission should be refused. In respect of the others permission may be given on condition that training will be avoided in the immediate vicinity of inhabited villages and working areas.

6) The extent of each forest may also be noted



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7) Forwarded with compliments to the Hon'ble Secretary to Govt. of India in Department of Supply for information and necessary action. Necessary steps may be taken accordingly in the forests under your charge.

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Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests.

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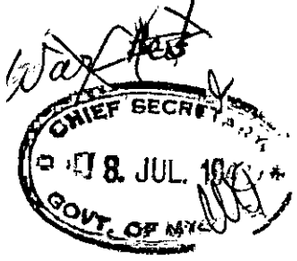

8) RETRANSMITTED WITH COMPLIMENTS:-

Permission for training in Jungle warfare may be refused in the following forests in which fuel coupes are being worked or extensive plantations formed.

Bilikal State Forest.	27104.00	Acres
Savandurga "	6390.05	"
Narasimhadevarabetta "	38314.00	"
Gullahalli State Plantation.	1589.80	"
Nandi State Forest	3116.80	"
Sambaragida State Forest	1248.00	"
Kamasettihalli plantation	1265.00	"

9) The area of each of the other forests for which permissin may be given, if unavoidable, is indicated below:-

Handigandi State Forest	12006.40	Acres.
Hultar do	3680.00	"
Gadarebetta do	1478.40	"
Valsebetta State Forest	845.00	"
Emmegutta State Forest	3449.60	"
Ujjani do	6700.80	"
Maklidurga do	2624.00	"
Nallal State Plantation	1220.00	"
Dibbigiribetta State Forest	396.80	"
Hosur Minor Forest	165.00	"

Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

10) Yes. Such A working may perhaps be sent as advised by Dewan as request the forests now at Bana 9 Shimoga Subj for Yes

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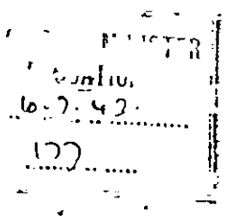

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13) Ambd with a draft reply to the C.R who moved
further in the matter on the lines of the Secretary's orders
in Para 5 supra and as regards the further in Para 9.
RS 13/7) There has been an reference from the Residency in the matter.
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(2) Issued D.O. No 106/cr dated 16th inst. 43 to the R.C & C.R

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D. O. No. C.L.O. 497/42-43.
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MR. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner. &
Civil Representative.

NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Dated Bangalore,....28th..June..194 3

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Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

I am sending herewith a copy of letter dated the 2nd instant, received from the Head Quarters 160 L of C Sub Area asking for permission to carry out Military training in certain Forest areas. The Chief Conservator of Forests who was consulted has said that some of the Forests selected by the Military form the main sources of fire-wood and charcoal supplies to Bangalore City in particular not to speak of other consuming centres and that the location of troops in the midst of forests will scare away the labourers and cultivators who are not accustomed to the sight of troops. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

However, I do not know if it will be possible to dissuade the Military authorities from using some of these forests for training the troops in Jungle Warfare.

I should therefore be grateful if you will kindly place this question before Government and let me have their orders.

Yours sincerely,

M. Seshadri

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Urgent.

No. 253/6/32/G
H.Q. 160 L of C Sub Area,
June 1945.

Civil Representative,
to the Mysore Govt.

Subject:-- Training Areas.

Could permission be given please, for military training to be carried out in the following areas:--

Bilikal State Forest.
Handigundi State Forest.
Hultar State Forest.
Savandurga State Forest.

Narasimhadevarbetta State Forest.
Gadarebetta State Forest
Valsebetta State Forest.
Emmegutta State Forest.
Ujani State Forest.
Makalidrug State Forest.

Gulhalli State Plantation.
Nallal State Plantation.

Randy State Forest.
Dibragiribetta State Forest.
Hosur State Forest.
Sambargida State Forest.
Kamashettihalli Plantation

2. It is very strongly desired that these areas may be made available, and no damage to these will be done.

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Major,
B.M.

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Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.

D.O. letter NO. M. 17673/43 dated 8th June 1943 from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative in Mysore.

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I am in receipt of your D.O. letter No. C.L.O. 497/42-43 of the 2nd instant regarding the Forest areas desired to be made available for military training. Among the Forests selected both in Bangalore and Kolar Districts, Bilikal, Savandurga, Ujjani, Maklidurga, Narasimhadevarabetta, Gadarebetta and Yemmegutta State Forests form the main sources of fire-wood and charcoal supplies to the Bangalore City in particular not to speak of other minor consuming centres. I am afraid that the stationing of military in the forests and their constant movements in the areas under exploitation will scare away labour which will not only result in severe losses to the coupe purchasers but will have disastrous effect on the fuel market in the city which is already facing a crisis.

Among the areas selected are also plantations and forests such as Gullahalli, Nallal, Nandi, Sambargida and Kamasettihalli wherein very successful afforestation has been done extensively at very heavy cost and I am afriad that inspite of the assurance to the contrary some damage to the young growing stock will become inevitable. While I do not much mind any slight damage to our forests and plantations in the course of military training, I cannot calmly consent to the proposal of making available a number of important forests for the purpose from the possible consequences it will have on the forest labour and supplies.

In stating my frank view in the matter, I have not taken into consideration the effects of military movements on agriculture and agricultural labour over such wide areas. I may however add that even within some of the forests selected by the military authorities cultivation of food crops is going on. Those cultivators as well as our Minor Forest Produce and Thangadi lessees might be

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hit hard if their labour were to be scared away. With such vast areas taken up for military purposes, grazing facilities will be greatly reduced and the interests of lumpsum grazing fee payers and grass lessees will suffer as cowherd boys are easily scared away at the very sight of the military. Claims for compensation might crop up from every source and that is a thing to be seriously considered.

Orders of Government, I hope will be obtained before finally communicating to the military authorities a decision in the matter.

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R J Deshadeep.

Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Date of issue..... 16.7.43

Signed by..... S & V

List of enclosures..... Para 9 of the Note

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D.O No. W 106/16 743.

To C.R

Dear Sir.

With reference to your D.O No C.H.O. 497/42-40 d 28th Jan 40 regarding orders about permission to carry out jungle warfare training in certain forest areas, I am desired to inform you that the C.C.F who was again consulted in the matter, has stated that permission may be given, if unavoidable, only in respect of the forests Notes below and to add that Govt. have no objection to permission being given only in respect of the above forests on

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Construction that tracings will be avoided in the immediate vicinity of inhabited villages and forest working areas. The military authorities may be informed as above. If they again remind you in the matter.

Yours sincerely.

WD 15/7/43

Memo no. 107/16.7.43
Copy to C.C.F with reference to his memo No 5/40-44 d 7th July 43.